

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6-10 and 12-19 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 10, 12 and 13 are amended. No new matter is added. Claim 11 is canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, the subject matter recited in that claim. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1, 6-9, 18 and 19, and the indication of allowability regarding claims 11-13. Claim 10 is amended to include the allowable features of claim 11. Claims 12 and 13 are amended to make these claims dependent to claim 10. Based on the indication of allowability in the Office Action, claim 10 and the claims depending therefrom are allowable.

The Office Action rejects claims 10 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 3,718,078 to Plummer. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 10 is allowable over Plummer because it includes the allowable features of claim 11, now canceled.

Claims 14-17 are allowable over Plummer for at least the respective dependence of each of these claims on allowable base claim 10, as well as for the separately patentable subject matter that each of these claims recites.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 10 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Plummer are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 10 and 14-17, in addition to the indicated allowable subject matter of claims 12 and 13, are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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